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**COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES***

**(2010 - 2011)**

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## INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this Fourteenth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

2. The Committee (2009-2010) at their sitting held on 13 July, 2010 and 6 August, 2010 took oral evidence of the representatives of the Ministry of Textiles regarding pending assurances upto 14th Lok Sabha pertaining to the Ministry.

3. At their sitting held on 17 March, 2011 the Committee (2010-2011) considered and adopted their Fourteenth Report.

4. The Minutes of the aforesaid sittings of the Committee form part of this report.

5. For facility of reference and convenience, the observations and recommendations of the Committee have been printed in bold letters in the Report.

NEW DELHI;
21 March; 2011

**MANEKA GANDHI**
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# REPORT

## I. Introductory

The Committee on Government Assurances scrutinize the assurances, promises, undertakings etc. given by the Ministers from time to time on the floor of the House and report the extent to which such assurances, promises, undertakings etc. have been implemented. Once an assurance has been given on the floor of the House, the same is required to be implemented within three months. The Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are under obligation to seek extension of time, if they are unable to fulfil the assurance within the prescribed period of three months. Where a Ministry are unable to implement an assurance, they are required to request the Committee to drop the same. The Committee agree to drop, if they are satisfied that the grounds adduced are justified. The Committee also examine whether the implementation of assurances has taken place within the minimum time necessary for the purpose and the Committee also examine the extent to which the assurances have been implemented.

2. The Committee on Government Assurances (2009-10) was constituted on 23 September, 2009 and reconstituted* on 22 September, 2010. At the time of constitution of the Committee in 2009, 1654 assurances were pending relating to various Ministries of Government of India. The break-up of these assurances at the time of constitution of the Committee and as on 16 March, 2011, is given at Appendix- I & II respectively.

*Reconstituted with the same composition.

3. The number of pending assurances, Ministry/Department-wise, since 8th to 14th Lok Sabha and is given at Appendix-III.

4. The Committee (2009-2010) immediately after its constitution, reviewed the 1654 pending assurances and decided to call the representatives of the various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India in a phase manner, for oral evidence with a view to looking into the reasons for pendency, the operation of the prescribed system in the Ministries/Departments for dealing with assurances and ensuring implementation of the assurances which are outstanding over a period of time. The vigorous efforts of the Committee have yielded desired results and the number of pending assurances reduced to 653, which is significant. The details of pending assurances, Ministry/ Department-wise, as on 16 March, 2011 is given at Appendix-IV.

5. In pursuance of the decision referred to above, the Committee (2010-2011) examined the 17 pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Textiles. The 17 assurances which were pending implementation at the time of taking oral evidence were as follows :-

| Sl. No. | SQ/USQ No. Dated | Subject |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | USQ No. 3735 16.8.2001 | Urban Haats |
| 2. + | USQ No. 2685 17.3.2006 | Export of Handloom |

| Sl. No. | SQ/USQ No. Dated | Subject |
|---|---|---|
| 3. | SQ No. 121 1.8.2006 | Loan to Handloom Weavers |
| 4. X | USQ No. 957 1.8.2006 | National Jute Policy |
| 5. @ | SQ No. 282 12.12.2006 | Revival of Sick Jute Mills |
| 6. | USQ No. 838 28.11.2006 | Loan Waiver of Handloom Weavers |
| 7. @ | USQ No. 254 27.2.2007 | Demand of Handicraft Exporters |
| 8. X | USQ No. 4410 8.5.2007 | Modernisation of NTC Mills |
| 9. @ | USQ No. 4458 8.5.2007 | Evaluation of Schemes |
| 10. | SQ No. 138 21.8.2007 | Assistance to Weavers |
| 11. # | USQ No. 1178 26.11.2007 | Export of Handicrafts and Handlooms Products |
| 12. | USQ No. 1298 26.11.2007 | Loan to Waiver |
| 13. | SQ No. 77 3.3.2008 | Loans to Weavers at Low Rate of Interest |
| 14. | USQ No. 1512 10.3.2008 | General Health Insurance Scheme |
| 15. # | USQ No. 3837 21.4.2008 | Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme for Handloom Sector |
| 16. | SQ No. 33 20.10.2008 | Revival of Jute Mills |
| 17. # | USQ No. 2288 15.12.2008 | Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana |

+ - Not dropped by the Committee at their sitting held on 27 June, 2007 and Implemented on 24 November, 2010.
X - Dropped by the Committee at their sitting held on 6 August, 2010.
# - Implemented on 18 August, 2010.
@ - Implemented on 9 March, 2011.

6. The above mentioned Questions and the answers given thereto wherein the assurances were pending implementation are shown as Appendix V.

7. During the course of review of pending assurances implementation statement for 07 assurances [(i) USQ No. 2685 dated 17 March, 2006 regarding Export of Handloom, (ii) SQ No. 282 dated 12 December, 2006 regarding Revival of Sick Jute Mills, (iii) USQ No. 254 dated 27 February, 2007 regarding Demand of Handicraft Exporters, (iv) USQ No. 4458 dated 8 May, 2007 regarding Evaluation of Schemes, (v) USQ No. 1178 dated 26 November, 2007 regarding Export of Handicrafts & Handloom Products, (vi) USQ No. 3837 dated 21 April, 2008 regarding Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme for Handloom Sector, and (vii) USQ No. 2288 dated 15 December, 2008 regarding Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana] were laid on the Table of the House on 24 November, 2010, 18 August, 2010 and 09 March, 2011. During this period, the Committee also considered requests for dropping of assurances. The Committee decided to drop 02 assurances (USQ 957 dated 01 August, 2006 regarding National Jute Policy and USQ 4410 dated 8 May, 2007 regarding Modernisation of NTC Mills).

8. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, which act as the interface between the various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and Parliament, have issued comprehensive instructions which *inter-alia* include review of assurances at different levels in the hierarchy periodically. A copy of the instructions is given at Appendix VI.

9. During oral evidence, the Committee enquired whether the Ministry of Textiles were following the instructions contained in the Manual of Parliamentary Procedure in the Government of India, regarding implementation of pending assurances. Replying in affirmative, the Secretary, Textiles stated as follows :-

*"I am aware of this Manual……I apologise as I have not gone through it recently……I have not read them during my current tenure. I have not refurbished my reading about it recently as Secretary Textiles."*

10. When asked about the system for review/monitoring of the pending assurances in order to avoid the delay in implementation, the representative of the Ministry stated as follows :-

> *"I have been reviewing assurances from time to time……I take officers meeting every week and once in the month I go through Parliamentary assurances……."*

11. During oral evidence the Committee pointed out that the implementation reports of the following assurances sent by the Ministry of Textiles to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in the past have not been laid on the Table of the House so far:-

| **Sl. No.** | **USQ No. & Date** | **Date when Implementation Report sent by M/o Textiles** | **Present Status** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 254 dt. 27.2.2007 | 07.10.2008 | Implemented on 09.03.2011 |
| 2. | 4458 dt. 8.5.2007 | 15.7.2009 | Implemented on 09.03.2011 |
| 3. | 1178 dt. 26.11.2007 | 14.7.2008 | Implemented on 18.8.2010 |
| 4. | 3837 dt. 21.4.2008 | 18.6.2010 | Implemented on 8.8.2010 |
| 5. | 2288 dt. 15.12.2008 | 07.6.2010 | Implemented on 18.8.2010 |

12. The Committee, therefore, desired to know whether the Ministry of Textiles have devised any mechanism to deal with such cases. In reply the representative of the Ministry deposed:-

*"Madam as far as Parliamentary Affairs are concerned…… I take your point on the assurances and I stand corrected……."*

13. The Committee then emphasized that the Implementation Reports furnished to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs needs to be laid in the ensuing session of Parliament. In reply the representative of the Ministry deposed:-

"*Yes Madam."*

14. The Implementation Reports of assurances at (1) & (2) above were finally laid on the Table of the House on 09 March, 2011.

**15. The Committee note that 17 assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Textiles, ranging from period of 2001 to 2008, were pending implementation when the Committee decided to take oral evidence of the representatives of the Ministry. It is a matter of deep concern that an assurance given in reply to USQ No. 3735 on 16 August, 2001 regarding Urban Haats i.e., 09 years after a solemn commitment made, is still pending . Further, five assurances given in reply to USQ No. 2685 dated 17 March 2006, SQ No. 121 dated 1 August 2006, USQ No. 957 dated 1 August 2006, SQ No. 282 dated 12 December 2006 and USQ No. 838 dated 28 November 2006, were pending for more than four years, although, an assurance is normally required to be implemented within three months. The Committee are of the view that the sanctity of an assurance is lost, if it remains pending for such a long period. What is more disturbing is lack of concerted efforts to follow-up with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in ensuring laying of Implementation Report on the Table of the House, in time. The Implementation Report with respect to USQ No. 254 dated 27 February, 2007 regarding 'Demand of Handicraft Exporters', was stated to have been forwarded by the Ministry of Textiles to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 07 October, 2008. Similarly Implementation Report of assurance given in reply to USQ No. 4458 dated 15 July, 2007 was stated to have been sent by the Ministry of Textiles to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 15 July, 2009. Strangely, for want of co-ordination between the Ministries of Textiles and the Parliamentary Affairs, the Implementation Reports were not laid on the Table**

**of the House, for years together, forcing intervention of the Committee. Finally, the Implementation Statements of both the assurances were laid on the Table of the House on 09 March, 2011. Such an unsatisfactory state of affairs clearly shows that the mechanism which ought to curtail delays and claimed to be in existence by the representatives of the Ministry, has been inadequate, in facilitating timely implementation of the assurances. The Committee, therefore, recommend that result oriented action be taken to strengthen the mechanism in the Ministry of Textiles with a view to ensuring implementation of assurances within a shortest period of time. The Ministry of Textiles should vigorously pursue and follow-up with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs so as to ensure that Implementation Reports of assurances furnished to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs are laid on the Table of the House expeditiously.**

## II. Scrutiny of Pending Assurances pertaining to Ministry of Textiles

16. During oral evidence, the Committee examined all the 17 assurances. Some of these assurances have been dealt with in the succeeding paragraphs. These issues as follows :-

### A. Urban Haats

(i) USQ No. 3735 dated 16 August, 2001 regarding Urban Haats.

### B. Loan to Handloom Weavers

(i) SQ No. 121 dated 1 August, 2006 regarding Loan to Handloom Weavers.

(ii) USQ No. 838 dated 28 November, 2006 regarding Loan Waiver of Handloom Weavers.

(iii) SQ No. 138 dated 21 August, 2007 regarding Assistance to Weavers.

(iv) USQ No. 1298 dated 26 November, 2007 regarding Loan to Weavers.

(v) SQ No. 77 dated 3 March, 2008 regarding Loan to Weavers at low Rate of Interest.

### C. Revival of Jute Mills

(i) SQ No. 33 dated 20 October, 2008 regarding Revival of Jute Mills.

## A. Urban Haats

(i) USQ No. 3735 dated 16 August, 2001 regarding Urban Haats.

17. The above mentioned question and the reply given thereto are reproduced in Appendix V.

18. The assurance on the Urban Haats given in the year 2001, i.e. about nine years back, was "the information relating to number of weavers and artisans benefited from it so far, state-wise is being collected."

19. The Ministry of Textiles had earlier requested dropping of the above assurance. The request of the Ministry was not acceded to by the Committee. The Committee, accordingly, presented their Twenty Third Report (14th Lok Sabha) on 21 October, 2008. The Committee, *inter-alia* recommended as under:-

*"The Committee also note that according to the Ministry the data regarding the participation of weavers and artisans in Dilli Haat so far, state-wise could not be collected despite persistent efforts by them as the said data is not maintained by DT&TDC which manages the affairs of Dilli Haat. The Committee express their concern over the attitude of the Ministry in fulfilling the assurance. In response to the assurance of the Minister that the information regarding the number of weavers and artisans benefited from urban Haats was being collected, the Ministry requested for dropping the assurance on the ground that the data was not being maintained. They desire that the Ministry should be careful in dealing with the implementation of the assurance and urge the Ministry to make concerted efforts to fulfill the assurance. They would like to be informed of the steps taken in this regard. The Committee also wish to point out that the Ministry had not checked up with the Dilli Haat as to whether such information was maintained at all by them before giving a categorical assurance to the Parliament.*

*The Committee have noted that in the reply it was specifically stated that based on the pattern of Dilli Haat ten more urban Haats had been sanctioned. The Committee desire to know the details of places where ten sanctioned urban Haats have been set up."*

20. Explaining the concept of Urban Haats, the Ministry in a written note submitted to the Committee, stated as under:-

"*The scheme of setting up of Urban Haats had been formed with a view to provide permanent marketing platform to artisans and weavers across the country. The location of tourist attraction was chosen for Urban Haats.*

*The approved outlay for one Urban Haat is Rs. 3.00 crores. 70% of the project cost, limited to the approved outlay, is shared equally by offices of DC (HL) and DC (HC). The implementing agency has to bear the balance 30% of cost.*

*The State Handicrafts Corporations or the State agencies which provide the required land (8000 sq.mt. in Metro Cities & 18000 sq.mt. in other places) and its share as per financial outlay are sanctioned Urban Haat for implementation of the scheme. The responsibility for implementation of the project lies with the implementing agency.*

*After implementation, it is to be maintained by the State implementing agencies, letting out stalls for artisans/weavers and to fix tariff there for. The Central Government does not interfere in day to day activities of the Urban Haat."*

21. When enquired about objective, land component, financial ceiling etc. of Urban Haats, the Ministry in a note submitted to the Committee informed as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Objective | To set up a permanent marketing infrastructure in big towns / Metro Politan Cities to provide direct marketing facilities to artisans/ weavers. |
| Land component | The Implementing Agency (I.A.) to provide not less than 18000 sq.mts. recently has been amended to 8000 sq.mts. for Metro Cities in view of the fact that non-availability of such a huge land. |

| | |
|---|---|
| Financial Ceiling | Rs. 300.00 lakhs.<br>Government of India share : 210.oo lakhs<br>DC(HC) : 105 lakhs : DC(HL) : 105 lakhs= Rs. 210.00 lakhs<br>I.A. share : 90.00 lakhs State Government share. |
| Total No. of Haats approved since inception | 46 |
| (a) Operational<br>(b) Yet to be operational<br>(c) Withdrawn | 20<br>16<br>10 |

22. The Ministry further informed the Committee that at the time the question was raised, only one Urban Haat namely Dilli Haat was functional, which did not maintain state-wise data. However, with persistent efforts, data related to Dilli Haat has been made available to the extent maintained by the Dilli Haat management i.e. 2007-08 onwards.

23. The Ministry also apprised the Committee about the non-functional Urban Haats and details of approved Urban Haats withdrawn by the implementing agency (Appendix-VII & VIII).

24. During oral evidence on being asked about the delay of nine years in the implementation of the assurance, the representative of the Ministry *inter-alia* stated as follows:-

"*Madam, as far as Dilli Haat was concerned, the Ministry had given the Haat over to Delhi Tourism and there were some big delays on the part of Delhi Tourism to be able to disaggregate data relating to artisans and the handloom weavers……."*

25. The representative further clarified as follows:-

"*when the question was raised in August, 2001 only one haat, the Dilli Haat, was operational. That is why the figure of Dilli Haat was submitted……."*

26. On being asked about the benefits accrued to the weavers and how the weavers have been benefitted. The representative of the Ministry replied as follows:-

"*……as far as the weavers and artisans who have benefited from the Urban Haats in various States, we do not keep those details in the Government of India……."*

27. The Committee then persisted and desired information for other States also, the representative of the Ministry stated as follows:-

*"If the Committee desires the information from all the States of India that have urban haats situated, would be collected."*

The representative further stated as follows:-

"*……we will definitely provide information on all the operational urban haats as you have desired."*

28. The Ministry in the post-evidence note, submitted to Committee, furnished the information with respect to functional Urban Haats (Appendix-IX).

**29. The Committee note that the assurance in reply to USQ 3735 dated 16 August, 2001 regarding Urban Haats was given about nine years back. The Ministry specifically assured in the reply that information relating to the number of weavers and artisans benefited from it so far, State-wise, is being collected. The Committee are unhappy to observe that the Ministry of Textiles failed miserably in collecting the requisite information over a period of 9 years. And, it was only after the intervention of the Committee that they made efforts to do so. The Committee are of the opinion that had this information been collected earlier the assurance would have been implemented by now. The Ministry should at least now take further necessary action for expediting implementation of the pending assurances without any further loss of time.**

**30. The Committee are constrained to note that out of the 46 total number of Haats approved since inception, only 20 Haats are operational, 16 Haats are yet to be operational and 10 Haats have been withdrawn altogether. These developments cast a doubt over the realization of the objective of setting up a permanent marketing infrastructure in big towns/ metropolitan cities to provide direct marketing facilities to artisans/ weavers. The Committee, therefore, desire that necessary steps to make the functioning of Urban Haats viable be taken at the earliest.**

## B. Loan to Handloom Weavers

31. The Committee noted that the following assurances regarding Loan to Handloom Weavers were pending:-

(i) SQ No. 121 dated 1 August, 2006 regarding Loan to Handloom Weavers.

(ii) USQ No. 838 dated 28 November, 2006 regarding Loan Waiver of Handloom Weavers.

(iii) SQ No. 138 dated 21 August, 2007 regarding Assistance to Weavers.

(iv) USQ No. 1298 dated 26 November, 2007 regarding Loan to Weavers.

(v) SQ No. 77 dated 3 March, 2008 regarding Loan to Weavers at low Rate of Interest.

32. The above mentioned questions and the replies given thereto are reproduced in Appendix-V.

33. The assurances relate to financial package recommended for the handloom sector by the High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The salient features of the financial package, which is under consideration of the Government, are as under:-

(i) Restructuring/Categorization of Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies (PHWCSs) as viable, potentially viable and non-viable units. Broad parameters for categorizing the PWCS have been evolved.

(ii) Cleansing of the balance sheet of Apex and Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (viable and potentially viable) with adequate fund support from Government.

(iii) Organization of weavers outside the cooperative fold/members of non-viable/defunct PWCSs/ Weavers in areas of weak cooperative structure into Handloom Weavers Group (HWGs) in handloom clusters adopting the concept of Joint Liability Group.

(iv) Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Weavers/ PWCSs/Apex Societies as on 31st March, 2006.

(v) Financing the credit needs of handloom weavers/ societies at 7% rate of interest with interest subvention to NABARD and banks from Government of India.

(vi) Establishment of a "Handloom Development and Equity Fund (HDEF)" in NABARD for providing equity, promotional and development support to agencies connected with the handloom sector. Government of India may provide an initial contribution of Rs.50.00 crore. NABARD may make initial contribution of Rs.10 crores and annual contributions as decided by the Board of Directors. Other banks and State Governments would also be requested to contribute to the fund later.

(vii) Master weavers have to be brought into the system by recognizing their role as catalyst for weavers' development and arrangements to be made to finance them through banks.

(viii) An MOU to be signed by the major stake-holders, viz, Government of India, State Government and NABARD.

34. During oral evidence, the representative of the Ministry further, stated as follows :-

> *"Madam, we have been trying very hard indeed just to submit to the Hon'ble Chairperson and the august Committee that we have had five edition of financial package…….we have constantly been following up with the Ministry of Finance both at the Minister's level we have been writing letters as well at the Secretary level. But then I admit that, yes we have not been successful in convincing the Ministry of Finance so far."*

35. On being asked about the number of weavers in the country, the representative of the Ministry stated as follows:-

> *"In our country as on date, we have 45 lakh weavers……. the figure 45 lakh is the total number of weaver, counting two weavers for example in a family both of them are in the weaving profession doing this. That is the total number of weavers."*

36. Asked about the status of assurances and reasons for delay in honouring the assurance, the Ministry in a note submitted to the Committee stated as under:-

"Matter regarding 'Financial Package' was discussed on 7.5.2007 in the PMO, in a meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, to consider the credit facilities for Handloom Sector early. The draft proposal for seeking financial package for Handloom Sector for Rs. 1295 crore, which includes providing loans to handloom sector at lower rates, was sent to Ministry of Finance for their approval. However, the Ministry of Finance had requested this office to rework the proposal. Subsequently, on 8 May, 2008, the matter was referred to the High Level Committee for reformulating the proposed Financial Package for Handloom Sector, incorporating the suggestions given by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Meeting of High Level Committee (HLC) for reformulating the proposed Financial Package for Handloom Sector was held on 2.7.2008 and again on 20.8.2008, at NABARD office, Delhi. The Package has been revised to Rs. 3000 crores and re-submitted, to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) on 23.4.2009 along with CNE note, for their approval. The proposals *inter-alia* include: (i) Cleansing of the balance sheet of Apex and Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (viable and potentially viable) with adequate fund support from Government; (ii) Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Weavers/PWCSs/Apex Societies as on 31 March, 2006; and (iii) Financing the credit needs of handloom weavers/ societies at 7% rate of interest with interest subvention to NABARD and banks from Government of India. Based on the observations of Ministry of Finance dated 27.5.2009, a revised proposal for Rs. 1946 crores along with CNE note, has been submitted to Department of Expenditure on 9.10.2009. The Department of Expenditure has made certain observations vide their O.M. dated 16.3.2010 and sought this Ministry's reply. Reply to the said observations has been sent to Ministry of Finance and the matter is under consideration of Ministry of Finance."

37. The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for the year 2011-12 on 28 February, 2011 has announced a financial package for handloom sector. The extracts from Finance Minister's speech is as under:-

"Handloom weavers have been facing economic stress. Consequently, many of them have not been able to repay debts to handloom weaver cooperative societies which have become financially unviable. I propose to provide Rs. 3,000 crore to NABARD, in phases for these cooperative societies. The initiative would benefit 15,000 cooperative societies and about 3 lakh handloom weavers. The details of the scheme would be worked out by the Ministry of Textiles in consultation with Planning Commission."

**38. The Committee note that five important assurances related to inadequate credit access to handloom sector including high rate of interest, non-payment of earlier dues etc. were pending. The Committee further note that a High Level Committee constituted to evolve a financial package for handloom weavers recommended a slew of measures for the welfare of handloom weavers. The financial package envisages restructuring / categorization of primary handloom weavers cooperative societies, cleansing of the balance sheet of Apex and Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (PWCS) with adequate fund supports, waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of weavers/ PWCS/ Apex Societies, financing the credit need of handloom weavers/ societies at 7% rate of interest with interest subvention. The Committee note that the financial package was discussed at various fora since May, 2007. However, the financial package could not be given a concrete shape even after lapse of more than five years. The Committee further note that taking into consideration the economic conditions of handloom weavers, the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech has proposed Rs. 3000 crore to the handloom sector. This initiative may likely to benefit fifteen thousand cooperative societies and about three lakh handloom weavers. The modalities of the scheme are being worked out. The Committee desire that the Ministry of Textiles should take up the matter with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance so as to expedite the modalities of the scheme. The Committee desire that the assurances made in this regard be implemented without any further delay.**

## C. Revival of Jute Mills

39. The Committee noted that assurance given in reply to Starred Question No. 33 dated 20 October, 2008 regarding 'Revival of Jute Mills' was pending.

40. The above mentioned question and the reply given thereto are reproduced in Appendix-V.

41. The assurance is about (i) considering a proposal to revive 3 mills of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Limited (NJMCL) (two in West Bengal & one in Bihar) under Public Private Partnership and; (ii) the revival package under consideration of the Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction (BIFR).

42. When enquired about status and the reasons for delay in fulfilling the assurance, the Ministry in a note, stated as under:-

> "The Government, in March 2010 has approved the revival of 3 Mills of NJMC (Kinnison, Khardah & Katihar) at a total cost of Rs. 1417 crore. Two mills are located in the West Bengal and one in Bihar. Cabinet has approved the revival plan of NJMC, under which, surplus assets of NJMC would be disposed; the revenue generated to be used for modernization of the three mills and the said mills to be run on as a Public Sector Company. The Public-Private-Partnership model was not found suitable by the Government. Under the said Revival Plan, NJMC has granted VRS to all its workmen & clerical staff; settled most of its statutory dues as well as secured loans.
>
> The Revival package of NJMC approved by the Government is yet to be approved by BIFR. The Government is pursuing with BIFR for an early hearing of the case.
>
> In the meanwhile, in order to start implementation of the Revival Scheme, NJMC has constituted a Modernization Committee with a view to start the modernization process in parallel. An action plan has also been prepared for the modernization.

It took time to prepare the pros & cons of various options for dec iding the mode of revival of the NJMC mills (whether Public Private Partnership of Public Sector mode). Further, a number of consultations were required to be done to decide the amount of compensation to be offered to the officers & staff to whom VRS was to be granted. The Cabinet cleared the Revival Scheme only in March, 2010."

43. During oral evidence, the Committee pointed out that no mill was revived, the representative of the Ministry, stated as follows:-

*"Madam, I will only submit that the question has got some factual elements like the number of jute mills functioning. We have mentioned that …….. to the Committee. We have informed you of the Cabinet's decision to go for modernization and revival of three. We have given the details. There are two in West Bengal and one in Bihar."*

44. The representative further submitted as follows:-

*"…….Coming back to this question the Government has indeed approval the revival……..."*

**45. The Committee note that the Government had given an assurance to revive three mills of National Jute Mills Corporation Limited (NJMC), two in West Bengal and one in Bihar. It was also assured that the revival package is under the consideration of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). In pursuance of this assurance, the Cabinet in March 2010 approved the revival plan with an outlay of Rs. 1417 crore for these mills. The plan envisaged disposal of surplus assets of NJMC and utilization of revenue so generated for modernization of mills. In pursuance to the revival plan, Voluntary Retirement Scheme was granted to the officers/executives and most of the statutory dues as well as secured loans were settled. For implementation of revival scheme, a modernization Committee has been constituted with the view to starting modernization process and an action plan has been prepared for the purpose. The Committee are, however, constrained to note that the Government revival plan is yet to be considered by BIFR. The Committee desire that the matter may be pursued vigorously with BIFR so as to arrive at an amicable settlement and thereby implement the assurance at the earliest.**

NEW DELHI;
21 March; 2011

**MANEKA GANDHI**
CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

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Phalguna , 1933 (Saka)

**Appendix-I**
***(vide para 2)***

## Statement of Pending Assurances from 8th to 14th Lok Sabha

| LOK SABHA | No. of assurances outstanding |
|---|---|
| Eighth Lok Sabha<br>(15.01.1985 to 13.10.1989) | 4 |
| Ninth Lok Sabha<br>(18.12.1989 to 12.03.1991) | 1 |
| Tenth Lok Sabha<br>(09.07.1991 to 12.03.1996) | 21 |
| Eleven Lok Sabha<br>(22.05.1996 to 02.12.1997) | 14 |
| Twelfth Lok Sabha<br>(23.03.1998 to 22.04.1999) | 16 |
| Thirteenth Lok Sabha<br>(20.10.1999 to 05.02.2004) | 158 |
| Fourteenth Lok Sabha<br>(02.06.2004 to 26.02.2009) | 1440 |
| **TOTAL** | **1654** |

**Appendix-II**
***(vide para 2)***

**Statement of Pending Assurances from 8th to 14th Lok Sabha**

**as on 16 March, 2011**

| LOK SABHA | No. of assurances outstanding |
|---|---|
| Eighth Lok Sabha (15.01.1985 to 13.10.1989) | 3 |
| Ninth Lok Sabha (18.12.1989 to 12.03.1991) | 0 |
| Tenth Lok Sabha (09.07.1991 to 12.03.1996) | 6 |
| Eleven Lok Sabha (22.05.1996 to 02.12.1997) | 6 |
| Twelfth Lok Sabha (23.03.1998 to 22.04.1999) | 5 |
| Thirteenth Lok Sabha (20.10.1999 to 05.02.2004) | 72 |
| Fourteenth Lok Sabha (02.06.2004 to 26.02.2009) | 561 |
| **TOTAL** | **653** |

**Appendix-III**
***(vide para 3)***

**Statement of pending assurances from 8th to 14th Lok Sabha**

**-----**

| S.No. | Name of Ministry | No. of Pending Assurances |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Agriculture | 42 |
| 2. | Atomic Energy | 7 |
| 3. | Chemicals and Fertilizers | 63 |
| 4. | Civil Aviation | 106 |
| 5. | Coal | 40 |
| 6. | Commerce and Industry | 44 |
| 7. | Communications and Information Technology | 38 |
| 8. | Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution | 15 |
| 9. | Corporate Affairs | 4 |
| 10. | Culture | 29 |
| 11. | Defence | 38 |
| 12. | Development of North Eastern Region | 2 |
| 13. | Earth Science | 5 |
| 14. | Environment and Forests | 47 |
| 15. | External Affairs | 21 |
| 16. | Finance | 57 |
| 17. | Health and Family Welfare | 123 |
| 18. | Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises | 8 |
| 19. | Home Affairs | 115 |
| 20. | Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation | 4 |
| 21. | Human Resource Development | 106 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 22. | Information and Broadcasting | 39 |
| 23. | Labour | 36 |
| 24. | Law and Justice | 75 |
| 25. | Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises | 12 |
| 26. | Mines | 14 |
| 27. | Minority Affairs | 8 |
| 28. | New Renewable Energy Sources | 7 |
| 29. | Overseas Indian Affairs | 16 |
| 30. | Parliamentary Affairs | 1 |
| 31. | Panchayati Raj | 10 |
| 32. | Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions | 19 |
| 33. | Petroleum and Natural Gas | 57 |
| 34. | Planning | 19 |
| 35. | Power | 20 |
| 36. | Railways | 67 |
| 37. | Rural Development | 30 |
| 38. | Science and Technology | 9 |
| 39. | Shipping, Road Transport and Highways | 55 |
| 40. | Social Justice and Empowerment | 39 |
| 41. | Space | 4 |
| 42. | Statistics and Programme Implementation | 4 |
| 43. | Steel | 6 |
| 44. | Textiles | 19 |
| 45. | Tourism | 1 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 46. | Tribal Affairs | 25 |
| 47. | Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation | 94 |
| 48. | Water Resources | 5 |
| 49. | Women and Child Development | 45 |
| 50. | Youth Affairs and Sports | 4 |
| | **TOTAL** | **1654** |

**Appendix-IV**
***(vide para 4)***

**Statement of pending assurances from 8th to 14th Lok Sabha**

**as on 16 March, 2011**

**-----**

| S.No. | Name of Ministry | No. of Pending Assurances |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Agriculture | 10 |
| 2. | Atomic Energy | 4 |
| 3. | Chemicals and Fertilizers | 56 |
| 4. | Civil Aviation | 26 |
| 5. | Coal | 9 |
| 6. | Commerce and Industry | 19 |
| 7. | Communications and Information Technology | 11 |
| 8. | Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution | 9 |
| 9. | Corporate Affairs | 1 |
| 10. | Culture | 11 |
| 11. | Defence | 20 |
| 12. | Development of North Eastern Region | 0 |
| 13. | Earth Science | 4 |
| 14. | Environment and Forests | 2 |
| 15. | External Affairs | 10 |
| 16. | Finance | 16 |
| 17. | Health and Family Welfare | 41 |
| 18. | Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises | 7 |
| 19. | Home Affairs | 49 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 20. | Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation | 1 |
| 21. | Human Resource Development | 45 |
| 22. | Information and Broadcasting | 7 |
| 23. | Labour | 17 |
| 24. | Law and Justice | 39 |
| 25. | Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises | 2 |
| 26. | Mines | 6 |
| 27. | Minority Affairs | 5 |
| 28. | New Renewable Energy Sources | 1 |
| 29. | Overseas Indian Affairs | 2 |
| 30. | Parliamentary Affairs | 0 |
| 31. | Panchayati Raj | 7 |
| 32. | Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions | 15 |
| 33. | Petroleum and Natural Gas | 10 |
| 34. | Planning | 9 |
| 35. | Power | 7 |
| 36. | Railways | 38 |
| 37. | Rural Development | 6 |
| 38. | Science and Technology | 0 |
| 39. | (i) Road Transport and Highways<br>(ii) Shipping | (i) 8<br>(ii) 24 |
| 40. | Social Justice and Empowerment | 22 |
| 41. | Space | 2 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 42. | Statistics and Programme Implementation | 1 |
| 43. | Steel | 1 |
| 44. | Textiles | 7 |
| 45. | Tourism | 0 |
| 46. | Tribal Affairs | 20 |
| 47. | Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation | 13 |
| 48. | Water Resources | 3 |
| 49. | Women and Child Development | 29 |
| 50. | Youth Affairs and Sports | 1 |
| | **TOTAL** | **653** |

**Appendix-V**

***(vide para 6)***

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3735

ANSWERED ON 16.08.2001

URBAN HAATS

3735. DR. (SMT.) V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of urban haats in the country, location-wise;

(b) the benefits accrued therefrom to artisans and weavers;

(c) the number of weavers and artisans benefited from it so far, state-wise; and?

(d) the rate at which space is provided to artisans and weavers in these haats?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Based on the pattern of Dilli Haat, 10 more urban haats have been sanctioned at Tirupati, Agra, Allahabad, Jammu, Ahamadabad, Bhopal, Kolkata, Bhubneshwar, Karnal and Ranchi.

(b) & (c): The Urban Haats are set up exclusively to provide marketing outlets to artisans and weavers of the country in major urban and tourist places to enable artisans and weavers to sell their products directly to consumer without involving middlemen. The information relating to number of weavers and artisans benefited from it so far, State-wise, is being collected.

(d): At present only one haat i.e. Dilli Haat is operational. The space rent is decided by the Managing Committee of the Haat. The current rates charged at Dilli Haat is Rs.250/-per stall per day per artisan/weaver.

Not dropped by the Committee at their sitting held on 27 June, 2007 and Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. XIX, Item No. 5 dated 24 November, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2685

ANSWERED ON 17.03.2006

EXPORT OF HANDLOOM

2685. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the quantity and value of handloom products exported during each of the last three years and the current year, product-wise and country-wise;

(b) the target set for export of handloom products during the said period, product-wise;

(c) the reasons for decrease in the export;

(d) the names of handloom products which have achieved higher percentage of export during 2004-05; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to boost further export of handloom products?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The revised ITC (HS) Codes adopted by the Central Board of Excise & Customs with effect from 1-4-2003 do not provide any sectorial classification such as handloom, powerloom, mill made etc. In the absence of separate ITC (HS) codes for handloom products, export data from 1-4-2003 onwards is not available. The matter is under consideration in the Ministry of Finance for allotment of separate ITC (HS) codes for handloom products. However, product-wise and continent-wise details of handloom exports for the period 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are annexed.

(b) The overall targets for handloom exports fixed for the last three years, including the current year, are as under:-

| Years | (Figure in US $ Million)<br>Target |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 550 |
| 2003-04 | 575 |
| 2004-05 | 650 |
| 2005-06 | 700 |

(c) As the export data for the last three years, i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and the current year is not available in the absence of separate ITC (HS) codes for handloom products, it is difficult to say that export of handloom products has decreased during the last three years. However, export data for the previous years clearly shows a trend that handloom exports to

Asia, Africa, Europe Union, Europe, America and Oceania continents have increased over 2000-01,2001-02 and 2002-03.

(d) As the export data for the last three years, including 2004-05, is not available in the absence of separate ITC (HS) codes for handloom products, it is difficult to say which handloom products have achieved higher percentage of export during 2004-05.

(e) The following steps are being taken to promote export of handlooms:

(i) Handloom Export Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to handloom agencies for development of exportable range of products and international publicity & marketing thereof;

(ii) Organisation of and/or participation in international fairs, exhibitions, Buyer Seller Meets by Handloom Export Promotion Council, Association of Corporations and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH) etc. in overseas markets from time to time to provide the Indian handloom manufacturers an avenue for export market;

(iii) Various export promotion schemes operated by the Department of Commerce such as Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB), Market Development Assistance (MDA) Market Access Initiative (MAI) etc.

Annexure referred to in part (a) to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2685 for answer on 17th March 2006 raised by Shri Adhir Chowdhury regarding Export of Handloom

Figues in 000's

| Continent | 2000-01 | | 2001-02 | | 2002-03 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name | Qty in Kg. | Val (Rs) | Qty in Kg. | Val (Rs) | | Qty g. |
| Fabrics | | | | | | |
| Real Madras Handkerchiefs | 9 | 4493 | 3 | 1982 | 8 | 2768 |
| Lungies | | 1096 | 354943 | 1497 | 367056 | 1131 |
| Dhoties | | 1616 | 374757 | 1533 | 289292 | 4326 |
| Sarees | | 164 | 47739 | 232 | 41400 | 171 |
| Shirtings | 1451 | 187050 | 1934 | 225201 | 1510 | 276820 |
| Furnishings | | 99 | 23427 | 23 | 4937 | 38 |
| Other fabrics | | 3659 | 811211 | 2971 | 694949 | 4573 |
| Fabrics Total | | 8093 | 1803619 | 8191 | 1624817 | 11757 2487497 |
| Madeups | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | 62 | 11577 | 87 | 19294 | 106 | 32316 |
| Table Linen | | 24 | 6550 | 40 | 6883 | 88 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | 71 | 15572 | 104 | 27619 | 78 |
| Curtains | 129 | 37626 | 138 | 46843 | 278 | 85132 |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | 759 | 193115 | 680 | 192752 | 779 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | 4316 | 965346 | 4054 | 895407 | 4324 | 935386 |
| Others | | 504 | 73928 | 608 | 93639 | 937 |
| Madeups Total | | 5865 | 1303713 | 5710 | 1282437 | 6590 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Floor Covering | Total | | 4908 | 477059 | | 3660 | 403690 | 3864 |
| Clothing Accesasories | | Total | 806 | 110199 | | 973 | 94211 | 852 |
| Asia | Total | | 19672 | 3694591 | | 18534 | 3405154 | 23064 4437925 |
| Africa | | | | | | | | |
| Fabrics | | | | | | | | |
| Real Madras Handkerchiefs | | 679 | 289430 | | 498 | 168119 | 397 | 112514 |
| Lungies | | | 240 | 55039 | | 420 | 57031 | 61 |
| Dhoties | | | 324 | 70674 | | 1906 | 342732 | 2307 |
| Sarees | | | 171 | 50180 | | 128 | 32016 | 31 |
| Shirtings | | 138 | 26444 | | 95 | 19325 | 281 | 54777 |
| Furnishings | | | 9 | 3368 | | 37 | 9442 | 4 |
| Other fabrics | | | 2348 | 533040 | | 3067 | 662293 | 3403 |
| Fabrics | Total | | 3908 | 1028175 | | 6152 | 1290959 | 6484 |
| Madeups | | | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | | 0 | 54 | | 164 | 46442 | 64 | 13506 |
| Table Linen | | | 1 | 298 | | 2 | 427 | 4 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | | 41 | 7096 | | 38 | 6840 | 10 |
| Curtains | | 13 | 3251 | | 23 | 6715 | 20 | 5330 |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | | 176 | 35277 | | 229 | 44027 | 224 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | | 606 | 119164 | | 634 | 118213 | 1038 | 181878 |
| Others | | | 74 | 15808 | | 45 | 5965 | 191 |
| Madeups | Total | | 911 | 180948 | | 1136 | 228629 | 1551 |
| Floor Covering | Total | | 300 | 27329 | | 300 | 27777 | 233 |
| Clothing Accesasories | | Total | 577 | 44779 | | 926 | 61401 | 802 |
| Africa | Total | | 5695 | 1281231 | | 8514 | 1608765 | 9069 |
| Europe Union | | | | | | | | |
| Fabrics | | | | | | | | |
| Real Madras Handkerchiefs | | 10 | 6752 | | 5 | 4516 | 6 | 3405 |
| Lungies | | | 30 | 8966 | | 52 | 12155 | 170 |
| Dhoties | | | 741 | 163443 | | 2016 | 320468 | 8850 |
| Sarees | | | 89 | 21573 | | 63 | 12703 | 90 |
| Shirtings | | 404 | 65052 | | 45 | 10203 | 527 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | 75138 |
| Furnishings | | | | 201 | 65496 | | 261 | 72203 | | 279 |
| Other fabrics | | | | 4138 | 836290 | | 3294 | 674638 | | 4597 |
| Fabrics | Total | | | 5612 | 1167572 | | 5736 | 1106885 | | |
| | | 14518 | 2822902 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Madeups | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | | | 125 | 26689 | | 232 | 75605 | | 575 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 129989 |
| Table Linen | | | | 615 | 132719 | | 1354 | 227433 | | 503 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | | | 477 | 89185 | | 185 | 36198 | | 274 |
| Curtains | | | 2749 | 741028 | | 2226 | 638908 | | 1861 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 538683 |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | | | 5179 | 1074028 | | 4288 | 973471 | | 2945 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | | | 13610 | 3023749 | | 13937 | 3020894 | | 14933 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 3266289 |
| Others | | | | 1885 | 264580 | | 2290 | 320303 | | 2988 |
| Madeups | Total | | | 4641 | 5351977 | | 24512 | 5292812 | | |
| | | 24079 | 5227557 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Floor Covering | | Total | | 10059 | 1031095 | | 7352 | 856485 | | 7750 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing Accesasories | | | Total | 3442 | 304094 | | 2493 | 281767 | | 2298 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Europe Union | | Total | | 43755 | 7854739 | | 40093 | 7537950 | | |
| | | 48645 | 9298916 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Europe | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fabrics | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lungies | | | | 63 | 36703 | | 46 | 21446 | | 4 |
| Dhoties | | | | 26 | 5979 | | 111 | 19101 | | 524 |
| Sarees | | | | 17 | 3524 | | 7 | 1583 | | 0 |
| Shirtings | | | 121 | 16199 | | 0 | 36 | | 67 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 16028 |
| Furnishings | | | | 1 | 180 | | 5 | 1383 | | 0 |
| Other fabrics | | | | 203 | 54862 | | 516 | 113076 | | 632 |
| Fabrics | Total | | | 431 | 117446 | | 685 | 156626 | | 1228 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Madeups | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | | | 7 | 1959 | | 21 | 5749 | | 90 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 17849 |
| Table Linen | | | | 16 | 3366 | | 33 | 6652 | | 37 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | | | 11 | 3403 | | 0 | 49 | | 7 |
| Curtains | | | 26 | 8778 | | 117 | 39016 | | 80 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 28631 |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | | | 197 | 53442 | | 195 | 41193 | | 190 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | | | 851 | 206322 | | 668 | 159997 | | 830 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 176050 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Others | | | 72 | 11600 | | 143 | 18291 | 253 |
| Madeups | Total | | 1181 | 288872 | | 1178 | 270947 | 1488 |
| Floor Covering | Total | | 412 | 43518 | | 378 | 42705 | 303 |
| Clothing Accesasories | | Total | 135 | 13111 | | 144 | 14520 | 136 |
| Europe | Total | | 2159 | 462948 | | 2384 | 484797 | 3155 |

America

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fabrics | | | | | | | | |
| Real Madras Handkerchiefs | | 5 | 3290 | | 1 | 666 | 4 | 2712 |
| Lungies | | | 23 | 4165 | | 20 | 5282 | 114 |
| Dhoties | | | 510 | 84213 | | 1454 | 203687 | 5473 |
| Sarees | | | 112 | 20618 | | 10 | 3718 | 7 |
| Shirtings | | 359 | 67792 | | 124 | 29322 | 608 | 77590 |
| Furnishings | | | 125 | 45013 | | 304 | 82138 | 395 |
| Other fabrics | | | 1811 | 314875 | | 1415 | 256144 | 3076 |
| Fabrics | Total | | 2944 | 539966 | | 3329 | 580957 | 9677 |
| Madeups | | | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | | 39 | 11958 | | 124 | 50692 | 401 | 197673 |
| Table Linen | | | 620 | 147272 | | 436 | 106071 | 1520 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | | 987 | 227897 | | 1831 | 471560 | 1874 |
| Curtains | | 803 | 220782 | | 888 | 272089 | 1470 | 476245 |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | | 2929 | 668838 | | 1982 | 780014 | 1761 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | | 15012 | 3410265 | | 13358 | 2919447 | 18558 | 4194036 |
| Others | | | 1502 | 231556 | | 2367 | 349764 | 2399 |
| Madeups | Total | | 21892 | 4918569 | | 20987 | 4949636 | 27983 6658602 |
| Floor Covering | Total | | 12717 | 1305111 | | 8843 | 1019396 | 8833 |
| Clothing Accesasories | | Total | 504 | 79124 | | 307 | 58458 | 698 |
| America | Total | | 38058 | 6842770 | | 33466 | 6608448 | 4192 |

America Others

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fabrics | | | | | | | | |
| Lungies | | | 0 | 231 | | 2 | 794 | 5 |
| Dhoties | | | 323 | 44656 | | 272 | 49505 | 187 |
| Sarees | | | 3 | 1689 | | 3 | 376 | 34 |
| Shirtings | | 114 | 27973 | | 27 | 5556 | 35 | 6022 |
| Other fabrics | | | 413 | 54009 | | 368 | 74165 | 300 |
| Fabrics | Total | | 854 | 128559 | | 673 | 130395 | 560 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Madeups | | | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | | 12 | 3803 | | 4 | 858 | 5 | 2144 |
| Table Linen | | | 22 | 3494 | | 26 | 4039 | 22 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | | 22 | 4052 | | 0 | 86 | 21 |
| Curtains | | 18 | 5387 | | 78 | 20853 | 78 | |
| 18203 | | | | | | | | |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | | 248 | 58302 | | 189 | 47355 | 106 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | | 931 | 200587 | | 701 | 156047 | 784 | |
| 167332 | | | | | | | | |
| Others | | | 0 | 16473 | | 84 | 9695 | 59 |
| Madeups | Total | | 1363 | 292098 | | 1083 | 238933 | 1075 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Floor Covering | Total | | 429 | 43461 | | 289 | 35522 | 252 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing Accesasories | | Total | 136 | 7474 | | 136 | 8316 | 54 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| America Others | Total | | 2783 | 471591 | | 2181 | 413166 | 1940 |

Oceania

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fabrics | | | | | | | | |
| Lungies | | | 2 | 421 | | 8 | 1639 | 15 |
| Dhoties | | | 27 | 5041 | | 35 | 8058 | 112 |
| Sarees | | | 8 | 2467 | | 14 | 2741 | 5 |
| Shirtings | | 29 | 9482 | | 10 | 1225 | 26 | 4705 |
| Furnishings | | | 42 | 14345 | | 18 | 5002 | 36 |
| Other fabrics | | | 347 | 79145 | | 258 | 55390 | 324 |
| Fabrics | Total | | 455 | 110902 | | 343 | 74055 | 518 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Madeups | | | | | | | | |
| Bedlinen of Cotton | | 37 | 6770 | | 12 | 2777 | 9 | 1628 |
| Table Linen | | | 53 | 14245 | | 50 | 13431 | 69 |
| Toilet & Kitchen Linen | | | 73 | 13575 | | 3 | 608 | 32 |
| Curtains | | 86 | 23587 | | 147 | 39498 | 46 | |
| 11438 | | | | | | | | |
| Bedspread/Bed Covers | | | 155 | 36320 | | 133 | 31320 | 92 |
| Other Furnishing Ariticles | | 1966 | 375607 | | 1610 | 342179 | 2552 | |
| 486141 | | | | | | | | |
| Others | | | 95 | 15745 | | 213 | 23525 | 193 |
| Madeups | Total | | 2466 | 485848 | | 2167 | 453339 | 2992 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Floor Covering | Total | | 555 | 55515 | 399 | 42720 | 350 | |
| Clothing Accesasories | Total | | 169 | 14323 | 266 | 21049 | 215 | |
| Oceania | Total | | 3645 | 666588 | 3175 | 591163 | 4075 | |
| Grand Total | | | 115766 | 21274457 | 108347 | 20649442 | 137140 | 26332682 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121

ANSWERED ON 1.08.2006

LOAN TO HANDLOOM WEAVERS

*121. SHRI SUGRIB SINGH
SHRI KISHANBHAI VESTABHAI PATEL

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the condition of handloom weavers is deteriorating due to non-availability of loan from banks/financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to announce any scheme/package for extending low-interest loan facilities to handloom weavers/cooperative societies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which the said scheme/package is likely to be announced and implemented;

(f) whether any assessment has been made in regard to employment generation and increase in production through the said scheme as a result of revival of handloom units; and

(g) if so, the details thereof indicating the other steps taken to improve the conditions of handloom weavers/societies?

ANSWER

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY PART (a) to (g) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.121 for 01/08/2006 REGARDING LOAN TO HANDLOOM WEAVERS

(a)&(b) : Government is aware that there exists a problem of accessing credit in the handloom sector on account of high rate of interest and non payment of earlier dues to the banks/financial institutions.

(c)to(e) : The matter regarding reducing the rate of interest on loans for handloom weavers/cooperative societies is under consideration of the Government. The matter is being discussed with various financial institutions.

(f) : It is expected that the availability of bank credit at lower rate of interest will revitalize the handloom sector by rendering the handloom products price competitive which will not only improve their marketability but also generate better employment opportunities.

(g) : The Government is already implementing a number of schemes for development of the Handloom Sector and welfare of the weavers, such as Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers' Welfare Scheme, Handloom Export Scheme, etc. Further more, new schemes such as Integrated Handloom Cluster Development scheme, Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna, Health Insurance Scheme, Handloom Mark have been launched recently.

It may also be pointed out that the estimated cloth production in handloom sector in the year 2005-06 was 6203 million sq. mtrs (Provisional) as compared to 5722 million sq. mtrs in 2004-05 and 5493 million sq. mtrs in 2003-04 which shows an annual increase of 8.41% in the year 2005-06 and 4.17% in the year 2004-05.

Dropped by the Committee at their sitting held on 6 August, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 957

ANSWERED ON 1.08.2006

NATIONAL JUTE POLICY

957. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government has assessed the performance of jute sector keeping in view the National Jute Policy, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the objectives set under this policy are being achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore indicating the corrective steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Government has assessed the performance of the jute sector and have taken decisions to implement the objectives of the National Jute Policy, 2005.
(b) : The decision of the Cabinet regarding approval for launching of Jute Technology Mission (JTM) and establishing a National Jute Board have been arrived at after wide consultation with concerned Ministries and an indepth review of the relevant factors. The memorandum for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) of the Jute Technology Mission brought out in July, 2005 provides a detailed review of the jute sector, identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of the jute sector. Accordingly, goals/objective have been set up in the National Jute Policy, 2005 to address all the ills of the jute sector.
(c) & (d): Among the several objectives stated in the National Jute Policy, 2005, some have been implemented and others are being addressed. The JTM is in the process of being operationalized and the establishment of the National Jute Board which would synchronise and synergise the integrated development of the jute sector as a whole is already before the Parliament in the form of a Bill. The setting up of the National Institute of Natural Fibres and National Jute and Jute Textiles Museum are under active consideration.
(e) : Does not arise.

Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. XVII, Item No. 2 dated 9 March, 2011.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 282

ANSWERED ON 12.12.2006

REVIVAL OF SICK JUTE MILLS

*282. SHRI MOHAMMAD TAHIR KHAN

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the target set and achievement made in regard to jute production during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to close down certain jute mills;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore and the measures taken to protect the interests of workers;

(d) whether the Government proposes to revive the already closed jute mills; and

(e) if so, the number of the jute mills referred to the BIFR alongwith the steps taken for the revival of such mills?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN CONNECTION WITH LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 282 FOR ANSWER OF 12-12-2006 REGARDING REVIVAL OF SICK JUTE MILLS

(a) The target set in the 10th Five Year Plan vis-à-vis actual production of raw jute are given below:-

Qty: In Lakh Bales

| 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Target | 100.00 | 105.00 | 107.00 | 110.00 |
| Actual Production | 90.00 | 75.00 | 85.00 | 105.00 |

(b) Yes Sir. The Government had decided to close down four of the six jute mills of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC), a government of India Undertaking.

(c) The four Mills proposed for closure have been identified as unviable. For the welfare of the workers, the Government has decided to offer a VRS package to the workers of NJMC. In addition, till the VRS is finally implemented, the government has been paying salary, wages, PF, ESI and other statutory dues to the workers through budgetary support to the NJMC.

(d) Does not arise as no mills of NJMC have been closed as yet. However, the Government proposes to revive two jute mills of NJMC, viz., Kinnison and Khardah, where production has been stopped. Government of India does not propose to take up revival of any Private or State Government owned mills.

(e) The total number of jute mills referred to BIFR is 30, including the six mills of NJMC. For the revival of Kinnison and Khardah Jute Mills, proposal has been sent to Bureau for Rehabilitation of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE). Further steps for revival of these mills can be taken after the decision of the BRPSE.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 838

ANSWERED ON 28.11.2006

LOAN WAIVER OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS

838. SHRI SANJAY SHAMRAO DHOTRE
SHRI SUGRIB SINGH
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to extend a package of rupees one thousand crore to waive off the loan of handloom weavers of the country;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to decrease the interest rate on loans provided to these weavers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)to(c) : A High Level Committee headed by the Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mumbai was constituted by the Ministry of Textiles to evolve a financial package for the handloom weavers. The Committee submitted it's recommendations on various aspects, including waiver of overdue loans/interest and providing the loan @ 7% p.a. A proposal, in this regard has been submitted to Ministry of Finance for their approval.

Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. XVII, Item No. 6 dated 9 March, 2011.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 254

ANSWERED ON 27.2.2007

DEMAND OF HANDICRAFT EXPORTERS

254. SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the handicraft exporters and the demand for treating them on a par with Export Oriented Units (EOUs);

(b) if so, the details along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute a Committee to look into their problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which its report is likely to be submitted?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The request for treating handicraft exporters at par with export oriented units having 100% exports turnover is under examination.

(c): No Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

Dropped by the Committee at their sitting held on 6 August, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4410

ANSWERED ON 8.5.2007

MODERNISATION OF NTC MILLS

4410. SHRI M. ANJAN KUMAR YADAV
SHRI JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the pace of the work being undertaken for modernization of NTC mills is not as required;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c) : The work being undertaken for modernization of National Textile Corporation (NTC) is as per the Modified Rehabilitation Scheme approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and Group of Ministers (GOM). In pursuance of the Scheme, NTC has formulated a plan for modernizing 22 mills by itself by generating funds from the sale of surplus assets. NTC has started modernization of 13 mills for which orders for purchase have already been placed. The modernization is scheduled to be completed by December, 2007, as per the action plan drawn by the Company.

Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. XVII, Item No. 7 dated 9 March, 2011.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4458

ANSWERED ON 8.5.2007

EVALUATION OF SCHEMES

4458. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD
SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the date by when the periodic evaluation of schemes for handicrafts and handloom was carried out last time;

(b) the outcome of the said evaluation; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the basis of the outcome?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): In the Handicrafts Sector a mid-term evaluation of four major schemes was carried out. These schemes include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Marketing and Support Service Scheme; Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme and Export Promotion Scheme. These evaluations were carried out in the year 2003-04.

Also a terminal evaluation of these schemes had been assigned in the year 2005-06 in respect of Marketing & Support Service Scheme; Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme & Export Promotion Scheme and in the year 2006-07 in respect of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana. The report of these terminal evaluation studies is still awaited.

In the Handloom Sector, the evaluation study was conducted by M/S. National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET), Hyderabad between May-July, 2006 and October-December, 2006.

(b)&(c): The outcome of the mid-term evaluation of the four schemes in the handicraft sector are in the form of recommendations. Based on these recommendations, certain qualifying features have been added in the schemes such as an essential pre-condition of a marketing tie-up of the NGOs implementing the Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme; engaging Guiding and Monitoring Agencies, etc.

The study in the Handloom Sector maintained that all the schemes were beneficial to Handloom Weavers and should be continued with main modifications in quantum of assistance and reducing the state contribution etc.

On the basis of the recommendations made by the NISIET and also to make the flow of benefit to the handloom sector in a coordinated and concerted manner, the essential components of the schemes implemented during the earlier years, have been subsumed in the five schemes i.e. Integrated Handloom Development Scheme; Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme; Mill Gate Price Scheme; Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

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LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 138

ANSWERED ON 21.8.2007

ASSISTANCE TO WEAVERS

138. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV
SHRI KARUNAKARA G. REDDY

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether weavers in some parts of the country are forced to leave their traditional weaving occupation and are migrating to other places for their livelihood;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial package proposed/finalised by the Government for handloom /weaving sector; and

(d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken to assist weavers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.138 for 21.08.2007.

(a) No such report has been received from any of the States.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The salient features of the financial package recommended for the handloom sector by the High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD),which is under consideration of the Government, are as under:-

(i) Restructuring/Categorization of Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies (PHWCSs) as viable, potentially viable and non-viable units. Broad parameters for categorizing the PWCS have been evolved.

(ii) Cleansing of the balance sheet of Apex and Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (viable and potentially viable) with adequate fund support from Government.

(iii) Organization of weavers outside the cooperative fold/members of non-viable/defunct PWCSs/ Weavers in areas of weak cooperative structure into Handloom Weavers Group (HWGs) in handloom clusters adopting the concept of Joint Liability Group.

(iv) Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Weavers/ PWCSs/Apex Societies as on 31st March, 2006.

(v) Financing the credit needs of handloom weavers/ societies at 7% rate of interest with interest subvention to NABARD and banks from Government of India.

(vi) Establishment of a "Handloom Development and Equity Fund (HDEF)" in NABARD for providing equity, promotional and development support to agencies connected with the handloom sector. Government of India may provide an initial contribution of Rs.50.00 crore. NABARD may make initial contribution of Rs.10 crores and annual contributions as decided by the Board of Directors. Other banks and State Governments would also be requested to contribute to the fund later.

(vii) Master weavers have to be brought into the system by recognizing their role as catalyst for weavers' development and arrangements to be made to finance them through banks.

(viii) An MOU to be signed by the major stake-holders, viz, Government of India, State Government and NABARD.

(d) The Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles is implementing a number of schemes to provide financial assistance to the eligible handloom agencies to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by upgrading their skills and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. The main developmental schemes implemented during X Plan Period were Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers' Welfare Scheme and Handloom Export Scheme. Besides, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (IHCD), Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna and Health Insurance Scheme were launched in the year 2005-06 and Handloom Mark was launched in the year 2006-07.

During the 11th Five year plan, following schemes are proposed for development of handloom sector:-

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme

(iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme

Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. XI, Item No. 8 dated 18 August, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1178

ANSWERED ON 26.11.2007

EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOM PRODUCTS

1178. SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the contribution of each State in the export of handlooms and handicrafts products during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the export of handicrafts and handlooms products from Tribal areas of the country;

(c) if so, whether the Government also proposes to provide proper and sufficient training and assistance for development of handicrafts and handloom products in tribal areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan Period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): State-wise export data on handlooms and handicrafts is not maintained as the statistical figures compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics is only on All India basis. The total export of handicrafts and hand knotted carpets during the last three years is as under:-

| Year | Value of export |
|---|---|
| 2004-05 | Rs. 18567.76 crore |
| 2005-06 | Rs. 19267.65 crore |

2006-07 Rs. 20963.00 crore

In the absence of separate ITC (HS) Codes for handloom products, the export data from April 2003 onwards is not available in respect of handloom products.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): For providing training to handicrafts artisans, adequate provisions have been made in the Human Resource Development Scheme for the Eleventh Plan period. The other schemes for development of handicrafts in the country, including Tribal areas, include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of craft cluster; Marketing & Support Services; Design & Technology Upgradation; Research and Development & Welfare Scheme. For development of exportable handloom products through design innovation and product diversification with proper training etc. of weavers of various handloom agencies in the country including the Tribal areas, a Scheme, namely Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme is under operation for the Eleventh Plan.

(e): A provision of Rs. 25.00 crore has been made for the Eleventh Plan under Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme for development of exportable handloom products, participation in international fairs and exhibitions etc. For handicrafts, funds are yet to be finalised.

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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298

ANSWERED ON 26.11.2007

LOAN TO WEAVERS

1298. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has provided low interest loan facilities to weavers of the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of loan amount provided to weavers during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;

(d) whether the targeted beneficiaries are facing difficulties in availing these: loans;

(e) if so, whether any complaints regarding discrimination in providing loan to weavers have also been received by the Government during the said period;

(f) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): Working capital and term loans outstanding of Cooperative Banks and RRBs against handloom weavers and Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies s(state-wise) are given in Annexure I & II respectively.

(d) to (f): Handloom Cooperative Society suffer from two problems in accessing credits. Firstly, the cost of credit is on the higher side. Secondly, credit to handloom cooperatives have been chalked because of debt overhead. Availability of adequate` credit flow is critical for the survival of handloom sector. Consequently, a draft Committee on Non-Plan Expenditure (CNE) note has been prepared, which is under consideration of the Government.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 77

ANSWERED ON 3.3.2008

# LOANS TO WEAVERS AT LOW RATE OF INTEREST

*77. SHRI TUKARAM GANPATRAO RENGE PATIL
SHRI M. ANJAN KUMAR YADAV

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to waive off the outstanding loans to the weavers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to provide fresh loans to the weavers at low rate of interest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) to (d): A committee headed by Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was formed by this Ministry to look into the problems of high cost of working capital and choking of credit lines in the handloom sector. The committee prepared a Financial Package in this regard whose proposals inter-alia include:

i. Cleansing of the balance sheet of Apex and Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (viable and potentially viable) with adequate fund support from Government.

ii. Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Weavers / PWCSs/Apex Societies as on 31st March, 2006.

iii. Financing the credit needs of handloom weavers/ societies at 7% rate of interest with interest subvention to NABARD and banks from Government of India.
The above proposals are under consideration of the Government.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1512

ANSWERED ON 10.3.2008

GENERAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

1512. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is providing general health insurance to textile workers;

(b) if so, whether critical illness cover to handloom workers has not been covered under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include critical illness under existing general health insurance scheme to these workers;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to implement a comprehensive health insurance scheme to cover all types of illness among textile workers; and (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): During the 11th plan Government of India is providing General Health Insurance for Handloom Weavers and Handicraft artisans through the following schemes :-

(I) Health Insurance scheme as a component of Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme; and

(II) Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Yojana for Handicraft artisans

(b): Under the present Health Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers, the following critical illnesses such as Cancer, paralysis, Myocardial Infarction, Bypass surgery, Kidney failure, stroke, TB are not covered.

(c) to (e): The matter regarding covering critical illnesses under the Health Insurance Scheme was taken up during the discussions held for implementing the Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. However, since inclusion of critical illnesses would enhance the premium under the Health Insurance Scheme, it was felt that the above illnesses can be covered under a new scheme to be launched by the Life Insurance Corporation at a lower premium. This matter was discussed with the LIC for reducing the premium.

(f)& (g): A new product at a lower premium covering the above critical illnesses is under consideration by the LIC.

Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. IX, Item No. 26 dated 18 August, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3837

ANSWERED ON 21.4.2008

MARKETING AND EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR

3837. SHRI HARISINGH NASARU RATHOD
SHRI M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has launched a marketing and Export Promotion Scheme for the Handloom sector;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and released under the said scheme during each year of the Eleventh Plan Period; and

(d) the target fixed and achieved regarding quantum and value of exports of cotton handloom products during each year of Tenth Plan Period, country-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes, Sir,

(b): With a view to develop and promote the marketing channels in domestic as well as export markets and bring about linkages between the two in a holistic and integrated manner, the Government of India has announced "Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme" to the handloom industry after amalgamating the Marketing Promotion Programme and Handloom Export Scheme of 10th Plan. The aims and objectives of the Scheme are:

i. To assist in the domestic marketing of handloom products by organising of the

exhibitions at National level, Regional level, State level and District level etc;
ii. To serve as a window for promoting awareness among consumers about the latest designs, varieties of fabrics, technical developments, use of natural dyes etc. in the handloom sector;
iii. To provide permanent marketing infrastructural support to handloom agencies in major cities and towns with a view to creating permanent outlets to make available quality handloom products to the consumers;
iv. To promote the development of a brand of handlooms of national and international importance through Handloom Mark and other measures;
v. To identify and assist suitable handloom cooperative societies & corporations and individual exporters in developing the products that are export-worthy by providing such interventions as engaging of a professional designer for design development, up-gradation of skill, engaging of a professional Marketing Consultant etc.
vi. Market penetration through participation in International Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meets including Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets etc. as also publicity and brand development through Handloom Mark and other measures.

(c): The funds approved by CCEA under the scheme during each year of the Eleventh Plan period are given below:

**( Rs. in crore)**

| **Year** | **Outlay under Marketing Promotion** | **Outlay under Handloom Export Scheme** | **Total** | **Funds released** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007-08 | 30.00 | 5.00 | 35.00 | 23.43 |
| 2008-09 | 57.00 | 5.00 | 62.00 | Rs.13.90 lakh (The financial year just started.) |
| 2009-10 | 48.00 | 5.00 | 53.00 | Not applicable |
| 2010-11 | 31.00 | 5.00 | 36.00 | -do- |
| 2011-12 | 39.00 | 5.00 | 44.00 | -do- |
| Total | 205.00 | 25.00 | 230.00 | -do- |

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LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 33

ANSWERED ON 20.10.2008

REVIVAL OF JUTE MILLS

*33. SMT. P. JAYA PRADA NAHATA
SHRI C.K. CHANDRAPPAN

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of jute mills including those under the National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) functioning at present in the country, separately, State-wise;

(b) the number out of them lying closed during each of the last three years and the current year, separately, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to revive,re-open and modernise the above closed jute mills under the public-private partnership model;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the revival package has been approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR);and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan period, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

## STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO *If)* OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*33 FOR 20.10.2008.

**(a): the number of jute mills including jute mills under National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Ltd. (NJMC) functioning at present in the Country, — State-wise are as follows:-**

| STATES | NUMBER OF MILLS FUNCTIONING' |
|---|---|
| West Bengal | 54 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 6 |
| Bihar | 2 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1 |
| Assam | 1 |
| Tripura | 1 |
| Orissa | 1 |
| Chhattisgarh | 1 |
| Total | 67 |

**(b): The number of jute mills lying closed during last 3 years and current year are as below:-**

| State | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | SE008-09 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | 14 excluding 5 | 12 excluding | 8 excluding 5 | 5 excluding |
| | mills of NJMC | 5 mills of | mills of NJMC | 5 mills of |
| | Ltd. which are | NJMC Ltd. | Ltd. which are | NJMC Ltd. |
| | not operational | which are not | not operational | which are |
| | but are not | operational | but are not | not |
| | closed officially. | but are not | closed | operational |
| | | closed | officially. | but are not |
| | | officially. | | closed |
| | | | | officially. |
| Andhra | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Pradesh | | | | |
| Uttar | 2 | 2 | 2 | .2 |
| Pradesh | | | | |
| Bihar | 1 excluding 1 | 1 excluding 1 | 1 excluding 1 | 1 excluding |
| | Unit of NJMC | Unit of NJMC | Unit of NJMC | 1 Uinit of |
| | Ltd. which is | Ltd. which is | Ltd. which is | NJMC Ltd. |
| | not operational | not | not | which is not |
| | but is not | operational | operational | operational |
| | closed | but is not | but is not | but is not |
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**(c) & (d): Government is considering a proposal to revive 3 mills *of* NJMC Ltd., (2 in West Bengal and 1 in Bihar) under Public Private Partnership.**
**(e): No, Sir. The proposal is under consideration of the BIFR.**
(f): **Does not arise.**

Implementation Statement laid vide SS No. VII, Item No. 21 dated 18 August, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2288

ANSWERED ON 15.12.2008

AMBEDKAR HASTSHILP VIKAS YOJANA

2288. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA

Will the Minister of Textiles be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of projects sanctioned and completed under the Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the two most backward districts Lakhimpur and Dhemaji of Assam inhabited by Tribal's are yet to be covered under AHVY; and

(c) if so,the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The details list of projects sanctioned and completed during each of the last three years and current year state-wise is at Annexure-I.

The list of project completed during each of the last three years is placed at Annexure-II.

(b): Lakhimpur district has already been covered under AHVY in 2006-07 as the project has been awarded to M/s. Insitute of Integrated Resource management,Tepur,Sonitpur,Assam.

As regard to the Dhemaji District, it is stated that the District is yet to be covered and since AHVY is an ongoing scheme,the coverage would be considered based on the parameters of the scheme.

A Project under AHVY covering Dhakuakhana block was sanctioned to M/s. Bahumukhi Krishi Aru Samaj Kalyan Samity during 2007-08.The organization stated in the proposal that the Dhakuakhana is in Dhemaji district.Now it has come to our knowledge that the Dhakuakhna block falls under Lakhimpur and not under Dhemaji.Necessary action would be initiated as per rules against the Implementing Agency for furnishing wrong information.

(c): As on date considering the entire country, 75% of the craft concentrated districts have been covered and the rest i.e. 25% is yet to be covered.

**Appendix-VI**

***(Vide Para 8)***

# *Extracts from Manual of Practice & Procedure in the Government of India, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi*

Definition

**8.1** During the course of reply given to a question or a discussion, if a Minister gives an undertaking which involves further action on the part of the Government in reporting back to the House, it is called an 'assurance'. Standard list of such expressions which normally constitute assurances and as approved by the Committees on Government Assurances of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, is given at Annex 3. As assurances are required to be implemented within a specified time limit, care should be taken by all concerned while drafting replies to the questions to restrict the use of these expressions only to those occasions when it is clearly intended to give an assurance in these terms.

**8.2** When an assurance is given by a Minister or when the Presiding Officer directs the Government to furnish information to the House, it is extracted by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs from the relevant proceedings and communicated to the department concerned normally within 10 working days of the date on which it is given.

Deletion from the list of assurances

**8.3.1** If the administrative department has any objection to treating such a statement as an assurance or finds that it would not be in the public interest to fulfil it, it may write to the Lok/Rajya Sabha Secretariat direct with a copy to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs within a week of the receipt of such communication for getting it deleted from the list of assurances. Such action will require prior approval of the Minister.

**8.3.2** Departments should make request for dropping of assurances immediately on receipt of statement of assurances from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and only in rare cases where they are fully convinced that the assurances could not be implemented under any circumstances and there is no option left with them but to make a request for dropping. Such requests should have the approval of their Minister and this fact should be indicated in their communication containing the request. If such a request is made towards the end of the stipulated period of three months, then it should invariably be accompanied with a request for extension of time. The department should continue to seek extension of time till a decision of the Committee on Government Assurances is received by them. Copy of the above communications should be simultaneously endorsed to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Time limit for fulfilling and assurance

**8.4.1** An assurance given in either House is required to be fulfilled within a period of three months from the date of the assurance. This time limit has to be strictly observed.

Extension of time for fulfilling an

**8.4.2** If the department finds that it is not possible to fulfil the assurance within the stipulated period of three months or within the period of extension already granted, it may seek further extension of time direct from the respective Committee on Government Assurances under intimation to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs as soon as the need for such extension becomes apparent, indicating the reasons

assurance

for delay and the probable additional time required. Such a communication should be issued with the approval of the Minister.

Registers of assurances

**8.5.1** The particulars of every assurance will be entered by the Parliament Unit of the department concerned in a register as at Annex 4 after which the assurance will be passed on to the concerned section.

**8.5.2** Even ahead of the receipt of communication from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the section concerned should take prompt action to fulfil such assurances and keep a watch thereon in a register as at Annex 5.

**8.5.3** The registers referred to in paras 8.5.1 and 8.5.2 will be maintained separately for the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha assurances, entries therein being made session wise.

Role of Section Officer and Branch Officer

**8.6.1** The Section Officer incharge of the concerned section will:

(a) scrutinise the registers once a week;

(b) ensure that necessary follow-up action is taken without any delay whatsoever;

(c) submit the registers to the branch officer every fortnight if the House concerned is in session and once a month otherwise, drawing his special attention to assurances which are not likely to be implemented within the period of three months; and

(d) review of pending assurances should be undertaken periodically at the highest level in order to minimise the delay in implementing the assurances.

**8.6.2** The branch officer will likewise keep his higher officer and Minister informed of the progress made in the implementation of assurances, drawing their special attention to the causes of delay.

Procedure for fulfilment of an assurance

**8.7.1** Every effort should be made to fulfil the assurance within the prescribed period. In case only part of the information is available and collection of the remaining information would involve considerable time, an implementation report containing the available information should be supplied to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in part 67crutinize of the assurance, within the prescribed time limit. However, efforts should continue to be made for expeditious collection of the remaining information for complete implementation of the assurance at the earliest.

**8.7.2** Information to be supplied in partial or complete fulfilment of an assurance should be approved by the Minister concerned and 15 copies thereof (bilingual) in the prescribed proforma as at Annex 6, together with its enclosures, along with one copy each in Hindi and English duly authenticated by the officer forwarding the implementation report, should be sent to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. If, however, the information being furnished is in response to an assurance given in reply to a question etc., asked for by more than one member, an additional copy of the completed proforma (both in Hindi and English) should

be furnished in respect of each additional member. A copy of this communication should be endorsed to the Parliament Unit for completing column 7 of its register.

**8.7.3** The implementation reports should be sent to the Ministry of the Parliamentary Affairs and not to the Lok/Rajya Sabha Secretariat. No advance copies of the implementation reports are to be endorsed to the Lok/Rajya Sabha Secretariat either.

Laying of the implementation report on the Table of the House

**8.8** The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, after a scrutiny of the implementation report, will arrange to lay it on the Table of the House concerned. A copy of the statement, as laid on the Table, will be forwarded by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to the member as well as the department concerned. The Parliament Unit of the department concerned and the concerned section will, on the basis of this statement, make a suitable entry in their registers.

Obligation to lay a paper on the Table of the House vis-à-vis assurance on the same subject

**8.9** Where there is an obligation to lay any paper (rule/order/notification, etc.) on the Table of the House and for which an assurance has also been given, it will be laid on the Table, in the first instance, in fulfilment of the obligation, independent of the assurance given. After this is done, a report in formal implementation of the assurance indicating the date on which the paper was laid on the Table will be sent to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in the prescribed proforma (Annex 6) in the manner already described in para 8.7.2.

Committees on Government Assurances
LSR 323,324
RSR 211-A

**8.10** Each House of Parliament has a Committee on Government assurances nominated by the Speaker/Chairman. It 68crutinized the implementation reports and the time taken in the 68crutinized of Government assurances and focuses attention on the delays and other significant aspects, if any, pertaining to them. Instructions issued by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs from time to time are to be followed strictly.

Reports of the Committees on Government Assurances

**8.11** The department will, in consultation with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, 68crutinize the reports of these two committees for remedial action wherever called for.

Effect on assurances on dissolution of the Lok Sabha

**8.12** On dissolution of the Lok Sabha, all assurances, promises or undertakings pending implementation are 68crutinized by the new Committee on Government assurances for selection of such of them as are of considerable public importance. The Committee then submits a report to the Lok Sabha with a specific recommendation regarding the assurances to be dropped or retained for implementation by the Government.

**Appendix-VII**
***(vide para 23)***

## Status of Non- Functional Urban Haats

| S. No. | Year of Sanction | Location | Present Status | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2006-07 | Chennai (Tamilnadu) | 1st instt. Released the I/A , The TNHDC informed that they have entrusted the construction work to CPWD work will start-shortly. | |
| 2. | 2006-07 | Kanyakumari (Tamilnadu) | 1.89 acres of land allotted to I/A the TNHDC. They have entrusted the construction work to CPWD | |
| 3. | 2008-09 | Mangalore (Karnataka) | Work Under progress | |
| 4. | 2000-01 | Agartala (Tripura) | -do- | Expected to be completed by 31.12.2010 |
| 5. | 2001-02 | Guwahati (Assam) | After partial withdrawal by State Govt. the earlier land allotted, site became insufficient. HLSC advised to sort out by 30.7.2010, else the amount released to be refunded | |
| 6. | 1999-2000 | Ranchi (Jharkhand) | Land could not be arranged by I/A recovery proceedings of 1st instt. release already initiated. | |
| 7. | 2002-2003 | Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) | Civil work reported to be completed. | |

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| 8. | 2007-2008 | Durgapur<br>(West Bengal) | Construction work under progress | Expected to be completed by July 2010 |
| 9. | 2001-2002 | Dehradun<br>(Uttarakhand) | Land not available recovery proceedings are initiated. | |
| 10. | 2005-2006 | Bareilly<br>(UP) | Civil work completed. Yet to be functional. The implementing Agency requested UP Govt. to accord permission for starting the Haat. | |
| 11. | 2005-06 | Rampur(UP) | Work under process office of DC(HL) yet to release their share. Trying to complete the project shortly. | |
| 12. | 2006-07 | Meerut(UP) | Land could not purchased by I/A due to owner ship problems. Dead line will be given. Recovery proceedings are already initiated. | |
| 13. | 2006-2007 | Jhansi<br>(UP) | Work not started due to local administrative problems. Dead line will be given. Recovery proceedings are already initiated. | |
| 14. | 2004-2005 | Indore<br>(MP) | Work under Progress. Expected to be completed by March, 2010. | |
| 15. | 2003-04 | Pune<br>(Maharastra) | No progress. Recovery proceedings to be initiated. | |
| 16. | 2005-06 | Ajmer<br>(Rajasthan) | Work under Progress.<br>Partially functional | |

**Appendix-VIII**
***(vide para 23)***

## Details of Approved Urban Haats withdrawn by Implementing Agency

| Sl. No. | Year | Location | Reasons/ Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2004-05 | Pondicherry | Director of Tourism Pondicherry proposed to develop the Art & Craft Village through Private participation. Hence withdrawn. |
| 2. | 2002-03 | Trivandrum (Kerala) | Required land could not be made available by the Implementing Agency. Hence withdrawn. |
| 3. | 2002-03 | Patiala (Punjab) | Sufficient land not available. Hence withdrawn. |
| 4. | 2001-02 | Kolkata (West Bengal) | Not implemented and grant refunded. |
| 5. | 2001-02 | Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) | Not implemented due to non-availability of required land grant refunded. |
| 6. | 2001-02 | Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh) | Sufficient land not available. Hence withdrawn. |
| 7. | 2002-03 | Surat (Gujarat) | Sufficient land not available. Hence withdrawn. |
| 8. | 2005-06 | Goa | Sufficient land not available. Hence withdrawn. |
| 9. | 2006-07 | Patna (Bihar) | Unable to produce the land and other required documents. Hence withdrawn. |
| 10. | 2004-05 | Mehrauli (New Delhi) | Unable to produce the land and other required documents. Hence withdrawn. |

**Appendix-IX**
***(vide para 29)***

## ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONAL URBAN HAATS.

| Sl. No. | Year of sanction | Year of Functioning | Place | Implementing Agency | Total No. of artisans/ Weavers benenfitted | Sales affected in lakhs | Rent charged from Artisans (Rs.) | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1999-2000 | Sept.,2002 | Karnal (Haryana) | Haryana Tourism Corpn. Ltd., | 1543 | 585.00 | 50 per day | |
| 2. | 1998-99 | Nov.,2002 | Bhubaneswar (Orissa) | Orissa Indl.Infrastructure Development Corpn. | 7024 | 447.42 | 50 per day | |
| 3. | 1999-2000 | Sept.,2001 | Tirupati (A.P.) | A.P. Travel & Tourism Dev. Corporation. | 2610 | 551.00 | 750 per day | |
| 4. | 1998-99 | Sept.,2007 | Ahmedabad (Gujarat) | INDEXT-C | 1510 | 405.44 | Free of Rent | |
| 5. | 2000-01 | Feb.,2004 | Jodhpur (Rajasthan) | Udhyam Prosthan Sansthan, | 1500 | 85.00 | 50 per day | |
| 6. | 2000.01 | 2006-07 | Bhopal (M.P.) | M.P. H.H.V.Nigam Ltd., Bhopal | 3445 | 879.00 | 19.57 lakhs consolidated from 07-08 to 09-10. | |
| 7. | 2001-02 | March,2007 | Jaipur (Rajasthan) | Udhyam Prosthan Sansthan | 1285 | 985.00 | 500 per month or free of charge depending on sales | |
| 8. | 2001-02 | May,2008 | Agra (UP) | UP Toruism Dev. Corporation. | 1906 | Awaited from State Govt. | Free of Rent | |
| 9. | 2001-02 | Jan.,2009 | Raipur (Chattisgarh) | Chattisgarh Hastshilp Vikas Board | 900 | Awaited from State Govt. | April-Aug.,150/- Per day Sept.-March 250/- per day | |

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| 10. | 1999-2000 | Aug.,2002 | Jammu (J&K) | J&K Handicrafts Corporation Ltd. | Awaited from State Govt. | Awaited from State Govt. | Awaited from State Govt. | |
| 11. | 2001-02 | July, 2005 | Srinagar (J&K) | J&K Handicrafts Corporation Ltd. | Awaited from State Govt. | Awaited from State Govt. | Awaited from State Govt. | |
| 12. | 2002-03 | May,2010 | Varanssi (UP) | UP Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. | 44 | Awaited from State Govt. | Free of Rent | |
| 13. | 2002-03 | June,2007 | Mysore (Karnataka) | JSS Mahavidhyapeetha, Mysore | 2343 | 565.85 | 100 per day | |
| 14. | 2002-03 | Feb.,2008 | Bhuj (Gujarat) | INDEXT –C | 484 | 28.10 | Free of Rent | |
| 15. | 2003-04 | Aug.,2007 | Konark (Orissa) | Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Dev. Corporation Ltd. | 30 | 0.12 | 25 per day | |
| 16. | 2003-04 | Dec.2009 | Puri (Orissa) | Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Dev. Corporation Ltd. | 31 | 0.40 | 25 per day | |
| 17. | 2003-04 | July,2008 | Dimapur (Nagaland) | Direcdtorate of Indusdtries | 320 | 360.00 | Free of Rent | |
| 18. | 2004-05 | April,2008 | Pitampura (N.Delhi) | D.T.T.D.C. New Delhi. | 44538 | Sales not accounted | 216 + Service Tax per day | |
| 19. | 2004-05 | June,2009 | Navi Mumbai | City Ind. Development Corporation Ltd. | 377 | 96.00 | 500 per month | |
| 20. | 2006-07 | 1993 1st phase 2009 2nd phase | New Delhi | D.T.T.D.C. New Delhi | 13073 (from 2007-08) | Sales not accounted | 300 + Service Tax from April-Sept. 360+Service Tax from Oct.-March. | |

**Annexure-I**

# MINUTES

## TWENTY SECOND SITTING

Minutes of the sitting of the Committee on Government Assurances (2009-2010) held on 13 July, 2010 in Committee Room 'C', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

The Committee sat from 1100 hours to 1245 hours on Tuesday 13 July, 2010.

PRESENT

**CHAIRPERSON**

Shrimati Maneka Gandhi

Members

2. Shri Anandrao Adsul
3. Dr. Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar
4. Shri Mohan Jena
5. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray
6. Shri K.J.S.P. Reddy
7. Rajkumari Ratna Singh
8. Shri Takam Sanjoy
9. Shri Manohar Tirkey
10. Shri Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav

Secretariat

1. Shri P. Sreedharan - Joint Secretary
2. Shri R.S. Kambo - Director
3. Shri D.S. Malha - Additional Director
4. Smt. Veena Kumari - Deputy Secretary

**Ministry of Textiles**

1. Smt. Rita Menon, Secretary (Textiles)
2. Shri V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary (Parl.)
3. Shri Sujit Gulati, Joint Secretary (Jute & NTC)
4. Shri Atri Bhattacharya, Secretary (National Jute Board)
5. Shri R.C. Tiwari, CMD (NJMC/JCI)
6. Shri K.R. Pillai, CMD (NTC)
7. Shri R.N. Choubey, DC (Handlooms)
8. Shri Sanjay Agarwal, DC (Handicrafts)

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee. Thereafter, the Committee took the oral evidence of the representatives of Ministry of Textiles in connection with the pending assurances. The Committee sought certain clarifications on pending assurances (Sl. No. 1 to 4) which were replied to by the representatives of the Ministry. The Committee decided to review the remaining pending assurances on a later date.

2. A verbatim record of the proceedings has been kept.

***The Committee then adjourned.***

**Annexure-II**

**MINUTES**

**TWENTY THIRD SITTING**

Minutes of the sitting of the Committee on Government Assurances (2009-2010) held on 6 August, 2010 in Committee Room 'B', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

The Committee sat from 1530 hours to 1630 hours on Friday, 6 August, 2010.

PRESENT

**CHAIRPERSON**

Shrimati Maneka Gandhi

**Members**

2. Shri Anandrao Adsul
3. Shri M. Raja Mohan Reddy
4. Shri Manohar Tirkey
5. Shri Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav

**Secretariat**

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| 1. | Shri P. Sreedharan | - | Joint Secretary |
| 2. | Shri R.S. Kambo | - | Director |
| 3. | Shri D.S. Malha | - | Additional Director |
| 4. | Shrimati Veena Kumari | - | Deputy Secretary |

**Ministry of Textiles**

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2. Shri A. Bhattacharya, Secretary, NJB
3. Shri V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary (Parl.)
4. Shri Sujit Gulati, Joint Secretary (Jute & NTC)

5. Shri S.S. Gupta, Joint Secretary & DC (Handicrafts)

6. Shri K.R. Pillai, CMD (NTC)

7. Shri Rohit Bhardwaj, JD (H)

8. Shri R.N. Choubey, DC (Handlooms)

9. Shri R.K. Pathak, Deputy Jute Commissioner

At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the Members and apprised them briefly about the agenda for the sitting.

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3. The representatives of the Ministry of Textiles were then called in.

4. The Chairperson welcomed the representatives of the Ministry and apprised them the agenda of the day.

5. The Committee then proceeded with the oral evidence of the representatives of the Ministry in connection with the pending assurances.

6. The Committee reviewed all the pending assurances relating to the Ministry of Textiles. The Committee sought certain clarifications which were replied to by the representatives of the Ministry.

7. A verbatim record of the sitting has been kept.

***The Committee then adjourned.***

XX – Relates to other matters.

**Annexure-III**

# MINUTES

## ELEVENTH SITTING

Minutes of the sitting of the Committee on Government Assurances (2010-2011) held on 17 March, 2011 in Committee Room 'C', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

The Committee sat from 1500 hours to 1600 hours on Thursday, 17 March, 2011.

PRESENT

**CHAIRPERSON**

Shrimati Maneka Gandhi

**Members**

2. Shri Anandrao Adsul
3. Shri Mohan Jena
4. Shri Raghuvir Singh Meena
5. Rajkumari Ratna Singh
6. Shri Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav

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| 1. | Shri P. Sreedharan | - | Additional Secretary |
| 2. | Shri R.S. Kambo | - | Director |
| 3. | Shri D.S. Malha | - | Additional Director |
| 4. | Shrimati Veena Kumari | - | Deputy Secretary |

At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the Members and apprised them briefly about the agenda for the sitting.

2. Thereafter, the Committee considered and adopted draft 14th report, regarding pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Textiles without any amendments. The Committee authorized the Chairperson to present the Report to the House during current Session.

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*The Committee then adjourned.*

XX- Relates to other matters.